

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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FOR: ANIMAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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| \boxtimes | 56 pages of specification, claims, abstract. |
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| \boxtimes | Declaration and Power of Attorney. |
| \boxtimes | Priority Claimed. |
| | Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-050007 and 2003-166785 |
| \boxtimes | 17 sheets of formal drawing. |
| \boxtimes | An assignment of the invention to Tanita Corporation |
| | and the assignment recordation fee. |
| | An associate power of attorney. |
| \boxtimes | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. |
| | Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references. |
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| Independent Claims | 3 | -3 | 0 | \$86.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) | | | | | \$290.00 |
| | | \$770.00 | | | |
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